

Position Paper Guide

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A position paper is a breakdown of your country's position on the given topics. Writing a position paper will help you organise your ideas so that you can share your country's position with the rest of the committee.

Your position paper should be one coherent text of around one page in length. Delegates are expected to write a position paper for each of the topics to be discussed in their committee, but they should all be included in the same document and be submitted in pdf format to your committee chairs via email.

Here are six steps to guide you when writing a good position paper.

Step one: A brief introduction of your country

- Mention its geographical location, political situation, form of government, etc.
- It is always good to include your country's flag
- Remember to keep a formal tone throughout the position papers

Step two: What is the topic about *in general* terms?

- Read the research reports, they have a lot of general information about each topic
- Answer: What is going on? Who is involved? Who does it affect? Where is it happening? What is the current situation? What implications does the conflict have? (Social, moral, environmental, etc.)
- Mention Key players: Countries, NGOs, organizations, etc.
- Look into the background history, what has led up to the conflict?
- This account should be from the perspective of your country
- Good to use Statistics in this section

Step three: *What has the UN done in the last 20 years regarding the topic?*

- Try to find resolutions, treaties, or conventions that regard the topic

- Focus on those which your country had a significant role in passing/failing
- Answer: Why did your country support or oppose the beforementioned resolutions?
- There are some in the research report that you should take a look at

Step four: *Most important portion:* What is your country's policy on the issue?

- What is your country's policy or attitude towards the topic?
- Why does your country have an interest in addressing the topic? How has the topic affected your country in the past and present?
- What has your country done regarding the topic?
- If you are struggling look at your country's allies and their policies, especially the P5.

Step five: *What possible solutions are there to the topic?*

- You do not have to solve the problem completely, but you just need to manage it
- What can you do, are there any existing resolution that you can add on to?
- You are really encouraged to think of new solutions to the issues, but they need to be: doable, plausible, reasonable, and in your countries policy.

Step six: Bibliography

- Where did you find your information?
- Please use full citations. The format you use does not matter as long as it is consistent throughout.